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USTA-controlled Waagner-Biro A.G. recently completed construction on a 30-ton gantry crane, built in the record time of 14 days, and ready for inspection by Soviet officials on 29 August 1952. The reason for this haste and the ultimate destination of the crane are not known.

1. Early in August Soviet officials ordered five gantry cranes from Waagner-Biro A.G. for delivery to the USSR. Although the Soviets specified that the order should be completed prior to the end of August, only three of the cranes were ready on schedule. The remaining two cranes will probably be completed late in September 1952. The delay on this order is due to a shortage of rolled steel at Waagner-Biro.
2. At Waagner-Biro Werke "C", a metal-molding plant, the workers are now being staggered on a part-time basis because of insufficient job orders.

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